

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)

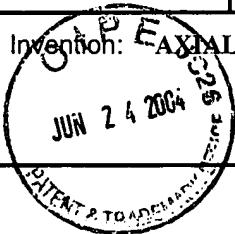
Applicant(s): Andrew Kerr

Docket No.

Kerr-5

Application No. 09/900,241	Filing Date July 6, 2001	Examiner Blanco, J.	Customer No. 001218	Group Art Unit 3738	Confirmation No. 5997
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Invention: AXIALLY-CONNECTED STENT/GRAFT ASSEMBLY

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the office action of April 20, 2004 and in conjunction with:

1. a Request for Continued Examination (RCE);
2. Information Disclosure Statement;
3. Rule 132 Declaration; and
4. copy of Vanderlande Industries Nederland BV v. Inc., 70 USPQ2d 1696 (Fed. Cir. 2004).